PERIODICO EN ESPAÑOL ADENTRO

CHALLENGE

FIGHT FOR COMMUNISM ★ LUCHE POR EL COMUNISMO ★ PLP

THE REVOLUTIONARY COMMUNIST NEWSPAPER OF PROGRESSIVE LABOR PARTY

volume 48 no.16 August 10, 2016 suggested donation $1

THIS RACIST SYSTEM

SHUT IT DOWN

RNC

DNC

From Cleveland to Philadelphia, workers connect elections to racist system
(pages 4,5)

MEXICO

AFT

From Minneapolis to Mexico, education workers fight union misleadership **(pages 3,8)**

OUR FIGHT

★Progressive Labor Party (PLP) fights to destroy capitalism and the dictatorship of the capitalist class. We organize workers, soldiers and youth into a revolutionary movement for communism.

★ the dictatorship of the working class — communism — can provide a lasting solution to the disaster that is today's world for billions of people. This cannot be done through electoral politics, but requires a revolutionary movement and a mass Red Army led by PLP.

★Worldwide capitalism, in its relentless drive for profit, inevitably leads to war, fascism, poverty, disease, starvation and environmental destruction. The capitalist class, through its state power — governments, armies, police, schools and culture — maintains a dictatorship over the world's workers. The capitalist dictatorship supports, and is supported by, the anti-working-class ideologies of racism, sexism, nationalism, individualism and religion.

★While the bosses and their mouthpieces claim "communism is dead," capitalism is the real failure for billions worldwide. Capitalism returned to Russia and China because socialism retained many aspects of the profit system, like wages and privileges. Russia and China did not establish communism.

★Communism means working collectively to build a worker-run society. We will abolish work for wages, money and profits. While capitalism needs unemployment, communism needs everyone to contribute and share in society's benefits and burdens.

★Communism means abolishing racism and the concept of "race." Capitalism uses racism to super-exploit Black, Latin, Asian and indigenous workers, and to divide the entire working class.

★Communism means abolishing the special oppression of women — sexism — and divisive gender roles created by the class society.

★Communism means abolishing nations and nationalism. One international working class, one world, one Party.

★Communism means that the minds of millions of workers must become free from religion's false promises, unscientific thinking and poisonous ideology. Communism will triumph when the masses of workers can use the science of dialectical materialism to understand, analyze and change the world to meet their needs and aspirations.

★Communism means the Party leads every aspect of society. For this to work, millions of workers — eventually everyone — must become communist organizers. Join Us!

CONTACT US

Email
desafio.challenge@gmail.com
Mail
Box 808 GPO, Brooklyn, NY 11202
Internet
www.plp.org
challengenewspaper.wordpress.com

WHO WRITES FOR CHALLENGE?

The fact that CHALLENGE/PLP articles are not signed grows from PLP's criticism of the cult of the individual in the former socialist Soviet Union and China. We do not want to encourage the possibility of building up a "following" around any particular individual.

While an article may be written by one person, the final version is based on collective discussion and criticism. Many times this collective discussion even precedes an individual's writing of an article.

CHALLENGE/DESAFIO (ISSN 0009-1049) published bi-weekly by Challenge Periodicals. 1 issue $1. One Year: $20. Six months: $15. Send address changes to CHALLENGE Periodicals, GPO Box 808 Brooklyn, NY 11202, August 10, 2016. Volume 48, No. 16

Editorial

Turkey: Battleground for U.S., Russian Bosses

I NEED IT FOR OIL!
NO, I NEED IT FOR OIL!
TURKEY
"WE HAVE NO SIDE IN IMPERIALIST WARS. WORKERS OF THE WORLD UNITE!"
U.S. BOSSES
RUSSIAN BOSSES
PLP

The failed Turkish military coup, a doomed attempt to seize state power from President Recip Tayyip Erdogan, represents a win for Russian imperialism, a bitter defeat for U.S. rulers, and another sign of growing instability in the petroleum-rich Middle East.

Erdogan—once hailed as a model "democratic" leader—has jailed more than 10,000 people, including 42 teenaged schoolchildren accused of treason (dailymail.co.uk, 7/25). Thousands of schools and hospitals have been seized; tens of thousands of government workers, teachers, and university deans and professors have been fired. Turkey presents a clear case of rising fascism, a reign of state terror to smash internal factions and terrorize the working class.

Coming on the heels of Britain's vote to leave the European Union, the turmoil in Turkey is a blow to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, the U.S. military hammer in Europe and the Middle East. Turkey fields the second-largest armed forces in NATO—a legacy of the 1950s-era Cold War, when the U.S. needed a bulwark against Soviet influence in the region. Now Turkey stands as a crucial counterweight to Russian client Iran; it borders Iran, Iraq and Syria. Turkey's Incirlik Air Base is the forward base for U.S. air strikes on the Islamic State (ISIS), the regional imperialists who threaten U.S. control over oil in Iraq. If NATO was the centerpiece of the U.S. rulers' post-World War II strategy to dominate the globe, Turkey is the linchpin.

As NATO weakens, and Turkey becomes a less reliable U.S. ally, Russia grows that much stronger. These trends reflect sharpening inter-imperialist competition—and a move toward a wider global conflict.

Fethulla Gulen, CIA's Man in Pennsylvania

Five times between 1960 and 1997, relying on Turkish generals they'd trained, the U.S. bosses backed military coups or open threats of coups to keep a secular, pro-U.S. government in place. When Erdogan came to power in 2003 and installed an Islamic nationalist state, it marked a victory for pro-Russian sections of the Turkish ruling class. The Erdogan government promptly increased trade with Russia and China and limited U.S. use of Incirlik Air Base in the Iraq War.

Shortly after his election as U.S. president in 2008, desperate for allies in the region, Barack Obama "began to court Erdogan, whom he saw as a moderate Muslim democrat who could help him stabilize the Middle East… [but] Erdogan…has been at best a reluctant ally in the fight against ISIS and a supporter of Islamist groups the U.S. opposes, including Hamas and the Muslim Brotherhood" (Politico 7/16). Additionally, Erdogan has escalated Turkey's racist slaughter of Kurdish nationalists, the most effective U.S.-financed force against ISIS in Iraq.

Meanwhile, the U.S. ruling class hedged their bets with a moderate Islamist named Fethulla Gulen, a billionaire imam who supported the 1980 coup that murdered and jailed thousands of workers and students. Gulen moved to Pennsylvania in 1999, an arrangement eased by the former vice-chair of the CIA's intelligence council (Huffington Post, 7/22). The Gulen religious "movement" opened more than a thousand schools worldwide, from Turkey and Pakistan to the largest chain of charter schools in the U.S. (The Atlantic, 8/12/14). His followers infiltrated Turkey's judiciary, intelligence services, police and military. In 2013, after a corruption probe by Gulenist judges got too close to Erdogan's friends, the former allies fell out.

As their relations with Erdogan soured, U.S. capitalists built up the Gulen opposition as a wedge to coerce Turkey to do more to fight ISIS. But once Erdogan blamed Gulen for the failed coup and seized the opportunity to eliminate the Gulenists and other pro-U.S. forces, that strategy now looks like a loser.

Rulers Running Out of Options

In the bloody proxy war in Syria, Turkey initially sided with the U.S., and against Russia and Syria's Bashar al-Assad regime. But after the U.S. was forced to look to Russia to reverse ISIS territorial gains, the balance shifted. "Moscow is back as a big player in the Middle East, while Washington looks humbled, a shadow of the great power that once dominated events in the region"(The Guardian, 2/13). In June, Erdogan apologized to Russian President Vladimir Putin for downing a Russian warplane last November. Turkey also mended fences with Syria; "Assad the enemy" became "Assad the brother" (sputniknews.com, 7/4). The Russian ruling class sees Turkey making "a general shift toward the East and closer relations with Russia" (Moscow Times, 7/21).

Regardless of who actually orchestrated the failed coup, the result is clear. The U.S. bosses' base in the Turkish ruling class has been decimated. Their credibility with oppressed workers there is nil. The bosses' options are steadily narrowing—in Turkey and Syria, Iraq and Afghanistan, South America and the South China Sea. At some point, they will have just one option left: World War III. But without Turkey on their side, they are less likely to win it.

Fight Capitalist Dictatorship!

As Erdogan's ruthless purge unfolded, Obama gave the effective dictator a "'shout-out' for his resilience" (New York Times, 7/20). This pathetic capitulation exposed the bosses' conventions in Cleveland and Philadelphia for the empty charades they are. Turkey reminds us that capitalist "democracy" is a velvet glove on the iron fist of capitalist dictatorship—and that the glove can be thrown off very quickly. As Erdogan once said (and as Hillary Clinton or Donald Trump might say, if they were honest), democracy is like a bus ride: Once he got to his stop, he was getting off (Bloomberg News, 7/4/13). Workers in Turkey have no more "due process" or "constitutional rights" than Philando Castile or Alton Sterling, murdered in cold blood by the kk-kops.

But millions of those workers are seeking a way to revolt against the profit system's brutality. From Baton Rouge to Istanbul, the working class will fight back against the bosses' exploitation and endless wars for profit. Within that struggle lies our opportunity. Only a united working class—led by the international, revolutionary communist Progressive Labor Party—can defeat rising fascism and the capitalist system that breeds it. Join us!✪

Three Years On
Women Lead Antiracist Fight

BROOKLYN, July 21—The three Black women leaders and family members of Kyam Livingston, Shantel Davis, and Akai Gurley charged the capitalist system with racism on the third year mark of Kyam Livington's lynching.

Kyam Livingston was lynched by blatant disregard of her emergency medical needs in Brooklyn Central Booking jail. Furious speeches and chants rang out in front of the site of her murder. The crowd included families of those murdered, the committee for Justice for Kyam, and Progressive Labor Party. The agony of family members who have lost loved ones was coupled by the call to indict the cops, the District Attorney Ken Thompson who protects them, and the whole racist capitalist system which uses police terror to tamp down working-class fightback. As a PL'er explained, this systemic terror will exist until we end this capitalist system with communist revolution.

The fight against racist police terror, from Baton Rouge to the streets of Brooklyn, has been mainly a women-led fight. Yet the capitalist media puts male politicians and wannabe political superstars as the faces of fightback. In reality, it's everyday working-class mothers, sisters, and women workers who are leading struggle. This is an example of what antisexist fightback looks like.

Fightback is building against the capitalist state that the cops "serve and protect." Under capitalism, the bosses need police to protect their property and keep the working class divided with racist terror. From their origins as slave catchers to the fear they instill through "stop and frisk," cops maintain this genocidal system in the name of the capitalist class' profits and empires. The international working class need women and men united out in the streets, at the workplace, in the homes and schools to spread the fightback into revolution against this profit system.

Family of Fighters

Anita Neal, Kyam's mother has ensured that every 21st of the month is protest. An antisexism button pinned to her shirt and the urn of Kyam's ashes in her hands, Anita vowed to get justice for her daughter. Shantel's sister spoke with great strength about her involvement in the movement against racism since her sister's murder. Akai's aunt explained how DA Thompson, who claimed to support this family, ultimately asked for no jail time for convicted killer cop Liang.

Each of these strong Black women have helped to lead the struggle against racist, sexist police terror. They are forging a new family of fighters who refuse to be bowed by the cops or the capitalist system the cops serve. PLP applaud their leadership and join them in the struggle.

The chant of "Shut down, shut it down. For Kyam, shut it down!" propelled the angry crowd to march into Schermerhorn Street. The street was closed and we stayed there until the conclusion of the rally.

Women Leading Long March to Revolution

Anita explained the step-by-step process of the struggle to get the tapes showing what happened to Kyam and the names of all the cop accomplices in Kyam's death. She read the names: Shamika Howard, Charkles Arthur, Alberta Dennison, Linda Deena-Hornick, Kareema Nevels, and Vanessa DeDanize of Central Booking; Michael Defede, Hiriam Riffas, Matthew Fried and Kurwin Manwaring of the local precincts.

The struggle to get these tapes and names has been a hard-fought struggle. After three years, the struggle for justice continues. Ultimate justice for Kyam Livingston, Shantel Davis, Akai Gurley, Alton Sterling, Delrawn Small, Philando Castile, and countless others means revolution. This will happen when this capitalist system that relies on these killer cops and imperialist wars is finally smashed by masses of workers with communism. The multiracial working class unity showed in this antiracist, antisexist fight is part of that road to revolution – and the brave women who led these struggles have given leadership to our class as we march forward.

For this reason, the rally emphasized the chant, "white cop, Black cop all the same, racist terror is the name of the game!" A ballad about the many victims of police terror brought most of the crowd to tears. After releasing balloons into the air and observing a moment of silence for Kyam, we concluded with calls for the next rally. See you out in the streets on August 21!✪

Oaxaca Teachers Fight Capitalist Dictatorship

The massacre of teachers at a protest on June 19 in Nochixtlán, Oaxaca is an attack on parents, farmworkers, and students. Ordered by the Mexican government, the brutal murders show once again the fascist nature of the capitalist class ruling the world, but the bold fightback of the workers there shows the potential for the working class to beat back the bosses and win a communist world.

Before the murders, Coordinadora Nacional de Trabajadores de la Educación (CNTE), a leftist section of the teachers union, had demanded the repeal of the labor reform disguised as "Education Reform," which places a heavier emphasis on nationally standardized tests and puts undertrained teachers who are in underfunded schools at higher risk of being fired. When the Mexican government inevitably refused these demands, CNTE went on strike in Oaxaca, Chiapas, Guerrero and Michoacán.

The ruling party, Institutional "Revolutionary" Party (PRI), created media attacks against them, discrediting fighting teachers and their labor, in order to divide the union and move society against them. They stopped paying thousands of teachers' salaries, cancelled bank accounts to try to drown the union economically, and jailed several CNTE leaders—making up all kinds of crimes, such as kidnapping and laundering money.

The teachers in Sección 22 were not intimidated by these attacks. They formed an emergency collective leadership and made plans to continue the struggle with the rest of the CNTE. They intensified their actions by blocking roadways, but stopping only the transnational companies' trucks. There the police, federal, and state troops massacred 11, injured over 100, and jailed 50 teachers, students, and parents. When they were retreating they killed a young man in the Trinidad de Viguera barricade.

This genocide happened to defend the interests of the Mexican ruling class and imperialism, and to stop workers' fightback. But their strategy failed because the international reaction was anger, rejection of this murderous government, and solidarity with the teachers in struggle. The CNTE workers were strengthened by the response to the tragedy and the government was forced to come to the table in a dialogue with the CNTE.

However, the government will never create the conditions the working class needs—behind this education reform promoted by president Peña Nieto and company, there is profit to be made. Only in a communist world are decisions made, and schools designed, based on the needs of the workers, and not the profit of the bosses.

The Service International and Wikileaks released a report on the Trade in Service Agreement (TISA), between the U.S., the European Union and 50 other countries, one of them Mexico. In it they expose that imperialist businesses aim to take over all public services—health, education, water, mining, electric, financial services, bank services, port and airport, insurance, jails, telecommunications, postal services, etc.

TISA will increase inadequate education, poverty, and inhumane conditions, because the basic services will become products to be purchased only by those able to buy. The international finance companies, the government and the Mexican bosses are the real beneficiaries of this capitalist project.

The CNTE in its struggle of resistance to defend employment and public education, has to strengthen internally, take united mass action with other workers, parents and students, to defeat the fascist and predatory bosses.

Workers everywhere must understand the limits of this reformist struggle. It is a struggle tied to the legal rules of the bosses and it is subject to negotiations to defend the interests of the union. Even more, reform struggles such as this only aim to change an aspect of capitalism, but nothing short of communist revolution will smash a system rooted in racist exploitation of workers.

PLP is fighting in many parts of the world to make it happen. We need teachers, workers, men and women, of all sectors, students to unite and fight to win an international communist world.✪

Republicans, Democrats

In Memory of Tamir Rice—Fight Back!

CLEVELAND, July 21—"I agree with the communists," said a retired worker at the Cudell Recreation Center, where 12-year-old Tamir Rice was shot and murdered by the Klan-in-blue in 2014. As part of our summer project during the Republican National Convention, a small and inexperienced but enthusiastic contingent of Progressive Labor Party focused on raising class-consciousness among families in Cleveland.

In both the counter-RNC protests and neighborhood organizing activities, PLP raised communist politics and revolution as the only alternative to the bosses' electoral sham.

Playground for Revolution

Aside from the rallies downtown (more on that later), PLP made the working class of Cleveland their focus. Tamir's only crime was to be a Black child living under capitalism. Like so many killer kkkops before them, Timothy Leohmann and Frank Garmback were never indicted, despite the findings of a municipal court judge that they should have been charged with murder, manslaughter, and homicide (The Atlantic, 6/12/15). Every person we spoke to—from elementary school children to retired grandparents—knew Tamir or heard the cops' gunshots or both. As one worker said, "If a kid can't be safe at a playground, there's no such thing as a safe place."

The neighborhood turned the playground's gazebo into a memorial. Tables were covered with teddy bears, candles, flowers and messages. In honor of Tamir, we made the gazebo a symbol of fightback. Youth from the neighborhood and PLP made a banner, "Rebel against KKKapitalism," to be hung there (see photo).

Learn From the Working Class

The first thing we noticed at Cudell were the multiracial families, and the Black children playing side by side with white and Latin children. Every white worker we met had no illusions about the racist nature of capitalism and the need to fight back. In contrast to Los Angeles and New York City, where the ruling class has more practice in centralized control, neighborhoods like these are not saturated with anti-working-class ideas like Black nationalism and white privilege theory. Instead, the Party found multiracial unity and the routine integration of Black, Arab, Asian, Latin and white workers. We were reminded of the pathetic misleadership of Black Lives Matter, who attacked the Party's multiracial presence and fightback at their Cleveland convention last summer.

As we went door to door canvassing with CHALLENGE and flyers, aiming to build connections and expand our newspaper subscription base among local workers, we learned that Frank G. Jackson, Cleveland's Black mayor, had discouraged people from coming to the Cudell playground during the Republicans' week of racist rhetoric.

Continued on page 7

U.S. Elections: Racist Lies

The Republican and Democratic national conventions are designed to build a nationalist, racist consensus around the attacks in store for workers as U.S. capitalism spirals into a deepening crisis. Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton are two sides of the same ruling-class coin. One spews openly racism to divide the working class; the other makes empty appeals to "racial justice" while trying to hide a four-decade track record of racist, sexist, anti-worker advocacy and political misleadership.

Republicans Celebrate Racism

The first day of the Republicans' hate-fest was labeled "Make America Safe Again"—for U.S. capitlists. It featured two hard-line state terrorists: former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani and Milwaukee Sheriff David Clarke, one of several Black speakers who were used to blame Black victims for the atrocities of capitalism. They attacked anti-racist protestors and indicted Black Lives Matter for the shootings of cops by deranged, lone-wolf snipers. They were wildly cheered by the delegates, of whom less than one percent were Black—the lowest share in more than a century (slate.com, 7/19). This convention was a Klan rally with confetti and balloons.

The Republican speakers proudly declared that Blue Lives Matter, when all the data shows that Blue Lives Murder. In 2015, 42 on-duty cops were killed by gunfire—down 14 percent from the year before, and less than one-third the total shot and killed in 1973 (npr.org, 12/29/15). In 2015, U.S. cops shot and killed 990 people. Black people were killed at three times the rate of white people, even after adjusting for local demographics. Although Black men "represent 6 percent of the U.S. population, they made up nearly 40 percent of those who were killed while unarmed" (washingtonpost.com, 1/6). None of these legalized lynchings resulted in a cop convicted for murder or manslaughter (Huffington Post, 1/13).

Cops are the thugs of the billionaires and their politician puppets. Their job is to protect the capitalists' private property; they have license to kill whomever they please, including 494 white workers last year. Racist police terror is aimed at pacifying the entire working class. All workers share an interest in fighting back against it—and in smashing the capitalist state that breeds it.

Trump ended the Republican proceedings with transparently racist calls for "law and order" and to "make America great again." Ignoring data that shows that immigrants in general—and the undocumented in particular—have a far lower violent crime rate than U.S. citizens (Wall Street Journal, 7/4/15), he demonized the undocumented as savage criminals: "They are being released by the tens of thousands into our communities, with no regard for the impact on public safety or resources."

Trump's Nazi-style racism—given a megaphone for the past year by the capitalist media—is infectious. Some delegates threw peanuts at a Black CNN camerawoman and yelled, "This is how we feed animals!" A Republican congresswoman was booed when she said she was born in Mexico. At a recent basketball game in Indiana, white high school students held up Trump signs and shouted, "Build that wall!" and "Speak English!" at a heavily Latino crowd (CNN, 3/1).

But anti-immigrant racism is not exclusive to Republicans; Democrat Barack Obama laid the foundation for Trump's outrageous scapegoating. Since taking office in 2009, Obama has deported more than 2.5 million people, more than any other president in U.S. history, including thousands of women and children feeling capitalist violence in Central America this year. The same racist, sexist administration has oppressed and murdered Muslim workers around the world, from round-the-clock surveillance of mosques to drone assassinations.

Racism Hurts All Workers

In this time of vile public racism, we need to point out that anti-racist protests around the world, involving hundreds of thousands of people, have been largely multiracial. These demonstrations do not promote individualistic violence (see page 6); they represent essential fightback against the violence of the state. It is now more important than ever to build a mass, multiracial movement against racism.

The nationalist divisiveness fed by the Black Lives Matter leadership weakens our ability to build such a movement. Funded by billionaire ruling-class figures like George Soros, these misleaders are wedded to dead-end, stay-within-the-system solutions. But the contradictions of capitalism cannot be solved by reform. Led by the revolutionary communist Progressive Labor Party, the international working class must confront the imperialists' war plans and fight for communism, a society run by and for workers. The whole damn capitalist system has to go! Power to the working class!

Trump Talks, Clinton Kills

Trump is an obvious target for anti-racists. But he's got a long way to go before he can match the damage done by the Clintons during Bill Clinton's presidency alone. On the first of four nights of the Democrats' lies and hypocrisy, Michelle Obama praised Hillary Clinton for "her lifelong devotion to our nation's children." The first lady somehow forgot about the millions of Black and Latin children driven into deep poverty by the Clin-

Continued on page 7

All Part of Bosses' Plan

Baton Rouge to Philly—Build Multiracial Unity

PHILADELPHIA, July 25—"This was my first march with the Party and at first I felt nervous but after I got on the bullhorn and started chanting it just felt right," said a young comrade during the Democratic National Convention (DNC). Over 60 members and friends of the Progressive Labor Party (PLP) descended on the DNC here to show workers and students there is an alternative to the bosses' politicians—communist revolution. Through our commitment to multiracial unity and our reliance on the working class, this summer project was a microcosm for the kind of world we are building towards.

Capitalism Can't be Voted Out
I COULD BE SLEEPING BUT... FIGHTING CAPITALISM IS MORE IMPORTANT
SMASH RACIST POLICE TERROR WITH COMMUNIST REVOLUTION!
ELECTIONS Cant Fix CAPITALISM
COMMUNIST REVOLUTION

Leadership from Baton Rouge

From the rallies to the study groups about elections and the history of PLP's fightback in Philadelphia, it was clear how PL's political line serves workers' interests. However, it was a report from our friend in Baton Rouge that illuminated our Party's purpose for fighting. The organizer, who became active after Alton Sterling's murder by kkkops on July 5, joined our project after meeting PLP in Baton Rouge (see letter, page 6). The details of her interactions with the police and the working class's resilience were a tremendous inspiration to the friends and comrades. The working-class bravery against the cops and military confirms our line that it is the working class, not the bosses' politicians, that will smash capitalism.

As PLP marched in a mass demonstration towards the convention, many workers, including those wearing Bernie shirts, picked up our chant, "The Only Solution Is Communist Revolution." Supporters of Bernie Sanders, who was inside the convention urging people to vote for Hillary Clinton, were very receptive to communism and some saw us as a real alternative to voting. Our experiences in distributing CHALLENGE and leading a contingent of workers and youth demonstrates the potential to win workers to communist politics. Many were open to our idea of not voting, and instead organizing class struggle where they live, work, and go to school.

Reliance Only On the Working Class

PLP has always believed that our Party will grow as long as we have confidence in the working class. The Baton Rouge fighter said the protests began when workers took the streets instead of waiting for the preachers and politicians. She said, "At first they announced a march for Sunday, but that was a whole week after Alton was shot, so a bunch of us decided to organize a march the next day instead." Even after the police arrested over 150, workers still fought back. When the cops threatened to arrest the protesters for walking in the street, a worker from the neighborhood invited the crowd onto her private property to avoid arrests. The kkkops, proving that laws under capitalism only serve the capitalist state, broke down the woman's door, ruined her lawn, and made many arrests. Her willingness to side with the protestors shows that the working class will support you, and join you, if you are willing to fight.

Meanwhile, the politicians, particularly the Black mayor of Baton Rouge Kip Holden was nowhere to be seen. "We literally haven't seen him for the past two weeks," said the worker from Baton Rouge. His capitalist servant's only contribution was to bring the "anti-police rhetoric…down to zero."

"The ministers and activists who organize for everything are nowhere to be found. It's just me and my friends, and who am I?" asked the worker. She is the reason why the Progressive Labor Party knows that we will win. It is the working class women and men who fight every day to survive under this system, and then respond to these racist murders with action, who lead our Party and will continue to lead it for as long as necessary. There will never be professional pacifiers like preachers and politicians leading PLP. The working-class instincts that many already have, accompanied with communist ideas, are dangerous to the bosses.

Working Class Got Your Back

Relying on the working class, whether on the streets of Baton Rouge or on the job in Philadelphia, will not only be key for communist revolution in the long term, but can save your life in the short term. A retired white hospital worker recalled how he began organizing for the Party and was immediately met resistance from a number of different groups within the hospital for decades, especially the local Black union leadership. The union leadership initially tried to spread rumors and keep other workers away from him. Witnessing his relationship and organizing among workers, they tried to physically attack him. The comrade said, "I didn't realize that my friend on the job knew karate, but when the union thugs came after me, he jumped in and saved me."

He also talked about how it was his co-workers and friends who made significant contributions to advancing the hospital work. After attending a social event that they organized, one of his friends didn't look happy. When he asked him what was wrong, his friend said, "We are the only two white people here." This caused him to go back to organize the white workers to join the other Black workers in these social events. Multiracial unity is important at the workplace, social events, and every aspect of building an impenetrable base among the working class.

Bosses Fear Multiracial Unity

The Summer Project also strengthened the Party's convictions to fight for multiracial unity in our struggles. Whether it was the hospital worker organizing in the 1980s or the worker fighting back in Baton Rouge in 2016, the bosses ensure that racism keep workers divided, which makes our fight for multiracial unity even more important.

As our Party entered the mass demonstration at the DNC, we all recognized one thing immediately: unlike most of the other groups, we were truly a multiracial group. As one student who joined us at the protest observed, "we were definitely the most colorful group out there."

One march down Broad St in Philadelphia may not seem significant. It is. Every opportunity we take to promote multiracial unity is another shot at the bosses' racist system. The bosses understand this, and we have seen this play out in Baton Rouge.

But as the worker from Baton Rouge told the group, "they first went after the white protestors and put them in the car first." This demonstrates how rulers lash out in fear when workers break out of the racist chains. When white workers put themselves on the line next to their working class sisters and brothers, there is no privilege. The ruling class will come after white workers just as sure as they brutalize and murder workers of other "races" in order to protect their system.

Our comrade in the hospital work talked about how it's not only the police, but union leaders as well that make sure that workers don't unite under communist leadership. The union leadership, who worked closely with the Nation of Islam, tried their best to keep the workers divided. Our comrade made it his commitment to organize Black and white workers. That meant starting with social events and outings. Eventually they turned into multiracial unity struggles on the job.

This first few days of the DNC Summer Project was possible because of the over 50 years of struggle of the Party. Our confidence in workers and commitment to building multiracial unity is what gave our comrade the strength to fight the bosses and union officials in the hospital. It was the same strength that sent us to Baton Rouge and fight along the courageous fighters there. It gave us the strength to stand among Sanders supporters and Jill Stein (the presidential candidate of the U.S. Green Party) supporters and to call for communist revolution. An overwhelming number of people took our leadership.

As the election comes closer, we should be bolder with our friends, coworkers, family, and fellow students about an alternative solution to the Democrats, Republicans, Greens, Libertarians and this whole bourgeois electoral system. There's only one solution: communist revolution. See next issue for more struggles around the DNC summer project!✪

LETTERS

We encourage all CHALLENGE readers to send in letters and articles about their experiences fighting the bosses worldwide.

Baton Rouge: Black Woman Stands with Communists

I would like to clarify some details in the article (7/27) titled "Women Lead in Baton Rouge." The protest was inspiring because it was not entirely due to the speech that a Black woman PL'er made. Our chants inspired and emboldened a local Black woman who had been going to all the protests leading up to that day. She gave a speech that incited and inspired the crowd off the church parking lot and into the streets.

This brave woman who had brought her son to the protest, met with the Party afterwards and agreed to distribute CHALLENGE; she is now a friend of the Party. There were attacks and accusations online from the rotten and racist Nation of Islam misleaders and Internet warriors accusing "outside agitators" of inspiring workers to march and be "violent." Such accusations are used to divide workers. We commend the fact that she stood up to them, fought for the PL'ers that she had just met, and led the crowd to protest.

Her actions illustrate that Black Workers, especially Black women workers, are the key revolutionary force against capitalism. She was from a multiracial family and knew that the very same racist police that had murdered other young men would not hesitate to murder her young son. She saw through the passivity being pushed by the misleaders who only impede the class struggle. In her speech, she said she is tired of being pent up and passive. Upon her call for the action of taking the street, the working class, Black, white, women, and men. Without her, that march may never have happened.

Later, the phone call we received about the pigs getting ready to move in and attack the protest came from a contact that we had just met a few minutes earlier. She saw the attack getting ready to happen and called us because she was worried about our safety. She had just met us, we were from out of town, and she trusted us enough to not only give us her number, but to periodically check in and give us warnings about what the cops were doing.

The final point that needs to be made is that it primarily was women at the front of the march leading the whole rally and taking the streets. Due to the mass incarceration in Louisiana, with some towns having an arrest rate as high as 70 percent, many men are hesitant of protesting since they have arrests on their record and could get incarcerated. The mass incarceration of the Black working class is profitable, and functions as modern day shackles to inhibit protests against exploitation and injustice.

Participating on the ground of Baton Rouge and how the bosses are using the Nation of Islam and Black Lives Matter to push racism and passivity onto the working class illustrated the urgency of developing our ties there.

★★★★★

Communist Training in Cleveland

The trip to Cleveland was most outstanding summer project (see page 4). Despite our small collective, we used communist centralism [the governing system that enables us to collectively investigate, evaluate, and execute the practice that's in the best interest of the international working class] to bring communist politics and culture to workers.

I'm proud of our collective decision to focus on the workers and youth at Cudell Commons, the site of the racist kkkop murder of 12-year-old Black child Tamir Rice. This decision reminded me that we truly are a Marxist-Leninist party; that we know that building revolution involves creating roots in the working class, not just in protests.

These summer projects are key for our development as leaders of PLP and of the international working class. It's encouraging to know all the comrades involved are going to return to their local PLPs clubs as more effective and passionate communist organizers.

★★★★★

PL Chant Leads Protesters

The project in Cleveland showed me how communism could work. There was a combination of bold action against the RNC and community building in the Tamir Rice neighborhood.

The bold action included chants like "Republicans Democrats all the same, Racist Terror is the name of the game." The very next day, another group was using this chant. A group was "walling off Trump" with large banners. We joined the protesters, chanting boldly. Dozens took our lead with our chants.

The real action for me when we "occupied" the gazebo memorializing Tamir Rice. We talked to friends and neighbors of the Rice family. Working together as a collective makes me want to come back here!

★★★★★

'Revolutionary Experience' at RNC

This has been quite a revolutionary experience! The first day, we called out racist Republicans at a "Forum on Poverty in America" hosted by a CNN moderator at Cleveland State University.

Among the racists verbally attacked by the Party was Jack Kemp (Housing Secretary under former president George H. W. Bush in the 90s) and a representative from Trump campaign.

Getting the CHALLENGE out does count, as the workers I got the paper to participated at the study group. Challenge is an ideological way out of this hell called capitalism with its racism, sexism, and imperialist war. When the party comes back to visit Cleveland, count me in!

★★★★★

Women Athletes Fight Racism

Members of three WNBA teams showed solidarity with the fight against racism by wearing black jerseys at a number of their games, some with the slogan "Change Starts with Us." At one game, the cops walked out.

In response to the recent murders by police in Minneapolis and Baton Rouge, members of the New York Liberty, Phoenix Mercury, and Indiana Fever took their stand last week. At their post-game press conferences, they refused to take questions about basketball and only wanted to discuss police terror. WNBA bosses responded by fining the players. This act of the atheletes goes to show how the mass movement can influence all kinds of people. There's a potential to turn playing fields into battle fields for workers' power.

Although the president of the WNBA rescinded the fines, this small act has had a reverberating impact on the sports world. We salute these women and encourage all workers to turn into workplaces into a site of fightback.✪

Letter From Haiti

To End Racist Crimes, End Capitalism

The shooting in Dallas, Texas, on July 7 is an event the working class should take very seriously. The shooter, Micah Johnson, was apparently avenging the assassination of two Black men that same week by white police. Johnson wanted to kill white cops as a response to racism. We disagree with isolated attacks against police and white workers. While isolated attacks express a certain level of rage, they never build a movement. We are building a mass communist movement for armed revolution. Our movement understands the political necessity for mass revolutionary violence against capitalism and imperialism, and is not afraid to call for it and use it against our class enemies.

Yet, Obama, who spoke of the serious "problem in the U.S. justice system," brought little light to the politics of what happened. He spoke only of the U.S. bosses' fear of radicalization of Black people in the U.S. Meanwhile, Obama leads a country where Black workers are murdered everyday, one way or another—quickly by outright murder by police, or in wars for profit, or more slowly by rotten healthcare and schools and housing.

We fight against racism, but we don't lead a fight against white people. We know that all white workers are not racist. Those who are racist buy into the bosses' lies, against their own class interest. Racism is fundamental to capitalism. Capitalism requires the exploitation and domination of billions of workers around the world. It divides workers to the profit of the exploiting bosses and their politicians. We build multi-racial unity to fight against racism because all workers are hurt when one worker is hurt. We expose racism and struggle to win them to fight for their class. Furthermore, racism is not only a question of color. It is political, cultural and economic.

We fight racism alongside Black, Latin, Asian, Muslim, indigenous, immigrant, and white workers—all who are the victims of capitalism. Black workers are the first victims of racism, and are in a decisive position to lead the fight to expose racism as one of the strongest tools in the bosses' arsenal against the working class. Race itself a social construct of capitalism and imperialism to justify its domination and its exploitation, and has no scientific merit. We know that there are millions of white workers today who live under similar conditions as Black and Latin workers. And we know that there are Black bosses who exploit Black workers just as viciously as white bosses do—that is the nature of capitalism. Historically, white workers have also given leadership against racism and for revolution—like the first working class rebellion against capitalism, the Paris Commune of 1871.

If we build deep ties in the working class and win workers, students and soldiers to PLP's revolutionary outlook, that fusillade can transform itself into a mass fightback among workers—not fighting for the crumbs of the capitalist system, but fighting to build a new society that smashes the racist profit motive and unites our class around the world under the red flag of revolutionary communism. We call on all those who fight against racism to join us in the revolutionary communist fight to end the inequalities invented by capitalism.

Communism is the only alternative to the injustices of capitalism. Communism will end all forms of discrimination, racist and sexist in particular, on which capitalism thrives in order to maximize profits. Our international Progressive Labor Party continues to organize workers of all "colors" and "nationalities" for communist revolution. Workers of the world have only one color—red, one flag—the red flag, and one nation—the world!

How Do you Spell Racist? R-N-C

Continued from page 4

After the city announced plans to demolish the Cudell gazebo and erase the memory of Tamir Rice, it was no surprise that our banner went missing overnight. Some suspected the kkkops. So the Party made another message, again with the help of neighborhood youth, to be left by the monument. The struggle to transform the gazebo from a symbol of trauma to one of fightback was welcomed by residents, young and old. Nearly everybody who passed us walked away with a CHALLENGE, a conversation, and an anti-racism button pinned to their shirts.

Don't Vote, Now What?

Workers at Cudell taught Party members to have greater confidence in our class's potential for pro-communist politics. Most workers had an anti-voting reflex, rejecting both Trump and Clinton as solutions. With the few who saw Clinton as the default choice, we pulled out the back page of CHALLENGE and sourced Clinton's racist remarks and policies that targeted Black youth.

One frustrated worker asked, "Then what do I do?"

A Party comrade said, "We have a strategy for communist revolution and organizing in the masses."

"Yes, I read your paper. I know that. But what do I do?" This worker was asking how he could organize for communism in his neighborhood. During this study group, we brainstormed on three specific steps he could take to build a base among his neighbors and friends.

How Do You Spell Racist? R-N-C!

The counter-demonstrations downtown, near the convention site, were smaller than projected. Ruling-class media worked overtime to scare people away from attending. Even so, the boldness of the immigrant working class, including undocumented youth, was awe-inspiring. At both the March for Economic Justice and the Wall Off Trump street actions, they were the most militant and organized. We chanted alongside them in both Spanish and English: "Asian, Latin, Black and white, workers of the world unite!"

The crowd readily accepted PLP's leadership. Our banner called for communist revolution. When we chanted, "Republicans, Democrats all the same, racist terror is the name of their game!" the crowd did not miss a beat. They chanted with us, shoulder to shoulder. Though the bosses' media reported on the actions of Black Lives Matter, if truth be told, BLM could be found only online, in hashtags and tweets. They were missing in action on the streets.

Using our bullhorn, comrades explained that the threat to the international working class goes beyond Donald Trump and the Republicans, and that all politicians are more alike than different in defending the bosses' bloody dictatorship. Our fightback must be in our workplace, schools and neighborhoods—in the real, not the virtual, world.

Attack Paul Ryan

Our summer project kicked off with a few comrades attending a panel discussion on poverty at Cleveland State University. Mouthpieces for both Democrats and Republicans made excuses for the failures of capitalism; one panelist went so far as to praise racist House Speaker Paul Ryan as "a champion of the poor." PL'ers loudly blasted the panel for their blatant lies, forcing the apologists to end the session. Audience members applauded the boldness of the comrades, and many took CHALLENGE.

Without deep roots in the working class, a communist party is doomed to fail. In Cleveland, PLP brought our ideas directly to the masses and learned from them as well. We look forward to building the Party in Cleveland in years to come!✪

Racist Lies

Continued from page 4

tons' racist welfare reform in 1996; Hillary Clinton rounded up votes for the legislation and later called those impoverished families "deadbeats" (The Nation, 3/1). And it must have slipped Obama's mind that the Clintons left millions of children fatherless when they championed the 1994 crime bill, which led directly to racist mass incarceration. Hillary Clinton cheered the bill on, stoking fears of young Black men as "super-predators." Of the more than two million workers behind bars today, 40 percent are Black, three times their share of the U.S. population. For imperialist crimes against the working class, Hillary Clinton takes a back seat to no one. As a U.S. senator, defending the interests of her patrons at ExxonMobil and Goldman Sachs, Clinton vigorously supported U. S. slaughters in Iraq and Afghanistan. As Obama's secretary of state, she devastated millions in Syria, Libya, Haiti, and Honduras. She is an avid supporter of apartheid Israel and its illegal settlements on the West Bank. She wants to escalate the war in Syria by imposing a no-fly zone, which could accelerate a U.S. military clash with Russia.

As Columbia University economist Jeffrey Sachs said of the Democratic nominee, "Her so-called foreign policy 'experience' has been to support every war demanded by the U. S. deep security state run by the military and the CIA" (Counterpunch, 05/3). This is where feminism—reactionary identity politics—leads the working class: to mass murder and the terrorization of working-class women, men and children.

Third Option: Communist Revolution

What a choice! The open fascist Trump promises to attack and divide workers and fortify the U.S. police state while enriching billionaires like himself. The liberal fascist Clinton is ready to rally workers to fight and die in imperialist wars that will benefit only billionaires, as well.

But there's another alternative: fighting for workers' power (see pages 4, 5, 8). Under capitalism, elections hold no future for our class. Electoral politics is an ideological jail—but we can break out! Our option is Progressive Labor Party, a revolutionary communist party that is building a mass workers' movement to smash the capitalists and their politician stooges. Don't vote, revolt!✪

For Eric Garner, Rage vs. Racist Cops

STATEN ISLAND, NY, July 17—Over 250 people, including members of Progressive Labor Party, marched to and boldly denounced the 120th Precinct in Staten Island, the same precinct responsible for Eric Garner's murder exactly two years ago.

This rally was organized by The Legacy Eric Garner Left Behind (named after his last daughter, Legacy) and supported by Staten Island Against Racism and Police Brutality (SiaraPB). Eric Garner's family, friends, and working class brothers and sisters feel sorrow. We miss Eric Garner, known as a "gentle giant" and nicknamed Nice. Whether he sold cigarettes or not does not justify the racist murder. After trying to break up a fight between two other people, he was choked to death by one cop as several others held onto him.

The soundtrack after the choking of Eric saying "I can't breathe" eleven times has echoed around the world. Once everyone arrived at the police station, the crowd broke up and attempted to surround the whole block around the police station. A dozen vans and forty cars showed up.

At the precinct and during the march, PLP distributed CHALLENGE and lead people in militant chants like, "How do you spell racist? NYPD!" to show our rage not just at Pantaleo but at all the police who continue to terrorize Black, Latin, and immigrant workers.

These murders are business as usual for the police. They are part of a system that depends on racism to make profits and keep people divided so that they don't fight back. New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio was elected with a promise to end "Stop and Frisk", a policing practice where police stopped people on the street to search them for weapons or drugs. It is a racist policy that allows police to harass Black and Latin workers. DeBlasio's first act as mayor was to hire police commissioner William Bratton, who substituted "Stop and Frisk" for "Broken Windows" policing. In this kind of policing, police arrest workers for small "crimes" like selling loose cigarettes or panhandling with the excuse that it will prevent more serious crimes. This is merely another way to continue the racist oppression of Black, Latin, and immigrant workers by giving cops a different excuse to harass, arrest and imprison workers.

This policy is a way that kkkops, politicians, and real estate bosses cooperate to gentrify an area. In New York City, San Francisco, and Newark, "Broken Windows" policing is used to intimidate Black workers out of neighborhoods so that they can rebrand the neighborhood as a "safe" area, develop it, and raise rents. The same thing happened in Brazil when the government was preparing for the World Cup. Thousands of workers were ruthlessly evicted from their houses and the slums were demolished, all in the name of developing valuable real estate.

If not reforms, then what?

Our march gives us an insight as to what we can do instead of fruitless reforms. Our march was multiracial and we took the street. Multiracial unity is much

more powerful than a body camera. One leader of SiaraPB gave a speech about the continuing fight SiaraPB has been waging in the community and on the campus of the College of Staten Island to bring Pantaleo to trial for murder. She emphasized the multiracial character of SiaraPB and called for unity in the struggle. After the speeches, a local neighborhood youth choir beautifully sang, "I can't breathe". Then all of us in sorrow and rage said "I can't breathe" eleven times. The march was followed by popcorn and ices for neighborhood children and adults who stayed in memory of Eric's life.

This type of working class unity, where we all fight together and support each other, will ultimately smash racist police terror. A member of PLP gave a speech warning that the only way to end racist police terror is by smashing capitalism once and for all. Politicians want us to believe more Black, Latin, Asian and Muslim cops, body cameras, and "community policing" will make a difference. That won't help anything. Black kkkops didn't do any more for Freddie Gray in Baltimore than an Asian kkkop did for Akai Gurley in Brooklyn. In Baton Rouge, where Alton Sterling was murdered as the cops held him down on the ground, the police claim their body cameras "fell off."

None of the reforms proposed by politicians can address the role of the police. Capitalism is a system built on racism and we must get rid of it to smash racism. She emphasized that whether Black, Latin, Asian, white, immigrant or U.S. born, men or women, we must unite to fight racism together. A united, multiracial working class is the only thing that can smash capitalism and build a communist world. Join the fight!✪

PLP Disrupts Clinton, Exposes AFT as Bosses' Union

Education workers protest against murder of Philando Castile

ST. PAUL-MINNEAPOLIS, July 21— Setting a militant tone of fightback from the first hours of the American Federation of Teachers convention, the Progressive Labor Party disrupted an arch-enemy of the working class: Hillary Clinton. A multiracial group of PL'ers took positions in the convention hall with a concealed banner that urged, "DON'T VOTE, REVOLT." When Clinton mentioned Philando Castile, the Black education worker murdered by a cop in a St. Paul suburb twelve days earlier, PL'ers started chanting, "Hands up, don't shoot! Fists up, fight back!" We unfurled the banner and marched toward the stage. As we chanted, "Democrats, Republicans, all the same; racist terror is the name of the game," Clinton became visibly upset and raised her voice to try to be heard over us. We continued our demonstration through the hall until security and the U.S. Secret Service surrounded and escorted us outside.

While Clinton is famous for her dishonesty and hypocrisy, it was an insult to every worker when she invoked Philando's name. Alongside her husband, former president Bill Kkklinton, Hillary Clinton was instrumental in the passage of the monstrously racist 1994 crime bill. The Clintons'"tough-on-crime" policies put 100,000 more cops on the street, expanded the racist death penalty, funneled nearly $10 billion to build more federal prisons, and led directly to racist mass incarceration (see page 4). Mad-dog cop Jeronimo Yanez pulled the trigger on Philando, but the Clintons—and the big bosses they represent—turned Yanez loose.

The AFT, one of two national unions of education workers, is a vital component of U.S. capitalism. The ruling class knows that the cannon fodder for their coming imperialist wars will pass through the public school system. The bosses have a vital interest in tightly controlling the AFT misleadership and guaranteeing that the union supports their pro-imperialist agenda, from the voting booths to the classrooms.

With more and more workers seeing that the system isn't working, the rulers are more desperate to keep them tied to capitalist illusions and the big lie of electoral "democracy." The convention appearance by Hillary Clinton was heavily promoted and carefully choreographed. But the AFT misleaders didn't anticipate four days of political challenges from PLP. Our Party fought to break the union heads' ideological hold over the more than 2,000 convention delegates. It took planning and hard work to distribute daily bulletins and hold meetings with delegates and friends, and it was worth it. PLP became an alternative voice to the AFT leadership. We showed the possibility of a communist alternative to a world with shoddy schools, racist borders, police terror and imperialist war.

Dare to Plan, Struggle and Win!

We built for the first-day action with a leaflet titled, "Walkout on Hillary Clinton." Initially, there were angry reactions; some delegates argued we were helping Trump, and that whatever her flaws, Clinton at least was better than him. But many others agreed that Clinton was no friend of workers and students. The AFT and the liberal bosses—who represent finance capital, the dominant wing of the U.S. ruling class—foster the idea that there's no alternative to electing the "lesser" evil. But communists understand that no capitalist ruler can ever meet the needs of the working class. In reality, liberal capitalist bosses like Barack Obama and the Clintons are more dangerous than open racists like Donald Trump. They disarm working-class fightback and pacify resistance by co-opting workers' anger and channeling it into boss-led movements and unions. They are the wolves in sheep's clothing.

In Minnesota, it was essential for PLP to show that a working class under attack cannot accept "business as usual." AFT President Randi Weingarten is one of the capitalists' most important agents in leading workers into the arms of Hillary Clinton—and the deadly embrace of U.S. imperialism. In the guise of fighting sexism, class traitors like Weingarten and Clinton defend the source of all sexist oppression and exploitation in the world today: capitalism.

Fight Back for Philando

On the second day, building on our protest of Philando Castile's legal lynching, St. Paul teachers, parents, students and a local community organization, Neighborhoods Organizing for Change, led the way in a multiracial march from the convention to the doorstep of U.S. Bank. Inside the hall, the lying Weingarten paid lip service to the "struggle for racial justice." But when push came to shove, she tried to limit participation in the march by extending the general session. Many delegates ignored her and walked out to march with the thousand protesters.

Throughout this action, PL'ers connected with fellow workers from Philando's school. Our leadership reached a high point with chants like, "Shut this racist system dwown," and a rousing series of "Fight back!" chants that drew local drummers, dancers and marchers into a unified mass of militancy.

Education Workers Gain Confidence in PLP

By the convention's closing session, after three days of consistent Party leafleting, education workers were eagerly taking our bulletins. Many approached us to find out what PLP was saying. We continued to call out the AFT misleadership's collaboration with the capitalist bosses and their racist cops. We linked them to the section of the Mexican teacher's union that has worked with the government to attack and kill teachers in Oaxaca.

This bulletin led to conversations with workers about education workers' need for international solidarity. We have far more in common with workers in Mexico than with the AFT bosses inside the U.S. We found that ,many workers agree that standing with our class brothers and sisters, and particularly with our students, means we can never collaborate with the police unions that terrorize and murder us.

PLP Poses Threat to AFT

After four days of our disrupting the convention, the union chiefs finally sent security to kick us out of the hall. This was a victory for PLP: We'd become too big a threat to their ideological control of their rank and file. Too many workers were resisting! As security tried to rush us out, a PL'er made a speech about why we were being ejected: We'd exposed the misleadership's racism and their role as a tool of the bosses.

Then we went back inside with a single copy of our leaflet. We loudly announced that Weingarten and her fellow stooges were so scared that they'd no longer allow us to distribute literature, and so we had returned to read it to the workers. About two paragraphs in, AFT officials came running to stop us, terrified of being even more exposed. They insisted that our ejection was all a misunderstanding. As we handed out hundreds more leaflets, several workers thanked PL'ers for standing up to the union misleadership.

Workers Can Break Bosses' Hold

The AFT convention powerfully showed to all the union misleaders' traitorous service to this racist, imperialist, blood-soaked profit system. Even more important, PLP showed our potential to weaken the bosses' ideological control—the foundation for capitalist state power. Workers can be won to see communism as workers' only alternative. By developing deep ties with workers and building a communist political base, the Party can break the bosses' death grip on our class.

Members and friends of PLP must take these lessons and sharpen the struggle to organize within the bosses' mass organizations, including unions and reform groups. When we share our lives and communist ideas with our co-workers, and fight alongside them in open class struggle, workers who seem passive today may be moved into battle tomorrow. This work will be crucial in leading our class to make the ultimate break with capitalism, build for a communist revolution, and create a world run by and for the international working class.✪

GET ANGRY

FIGHT BACK!

SUBSCRIBE or RENEW!

All the communist politics, news, and struggle from around the world!

••••$20 individual 1 year $45 for institution 1 year

Name_____

Address_____

City_____ State_____ Zip_____

Make check or money order to:

Challenge Periodicals, PO Box 808, Brooklyn, NY 11202

FIGHT FOR COMMUNISM ★ LUCHE POR EL COMUNISMO ★ PLP